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SUBJ: FONMIN DENIES GIRM INTENT JOIN ARAB LEAGUES

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 974; ALGIERS 2229 (NOTAL)

1. ASKED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS GIRM INTENDS JOIN ARAB LEAGUE, MAURITANIAN FONMIN MOUKNASS CONFIDED THAT JOURNALISTS MISINTERPRETED HIS PRESENCE AT ARAB FONMIN OCTOBER MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. MOUKNASS SAID HE HAD ASKED ARAB REPS IF HE MIGHT ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER BECAUSE OF MAURITANIA'S ATTACHMENT TO ARAB CAUSE. HE HAD MADE CLEAR THIS DID NOT CONSTITUTE FIRM'S DECISION TO JOIN THE LEAGUE.

2. FONMIN AFFIRMED GIRM'S INTENTION MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL ROLE OF SERVING AS BRIDGE BETWEEN BLACK AND ARAB NORTH AFRICA, NOTING THAT OVERLY CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH EITHER GROUP WOULD VITIATE THAT POLICY.

3. COMMENT: DOUBT, PRESIDENT LIKELY TO SURRENDER HIS "BRIDGE" POLICY WHICH HE HAS FOUND USEFUL BOTH INTERNATIONALLY IN TERMS THIRD WORLD POLITICS AS WELL AS DOMESTICALLY AS REMINDER TO HIS OWN BLACK POPULATION OF HIS CONCERN FOR THEIR IDENTIFY AND WELL
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BEING. IT STILL UNCLEAR WHY GIRM LET SUCH "MISINTERPRETATION"

MUSHROOM TO POINT OF STIMULATING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM
BOUMEDIENNE TO OULD DADDAH (REF A). NEVERTHELESS, SAID MESSAGE
HAS NEVER BEEN PUBLISHED OR REFERRED TO BY MAURITANIAN MEDIA.
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